

Budget and Finance Officer, OTH

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Acting Comptroller

Reimbursement for Parking Fees in Addition to Mileage in the
Use of Privately Owned Automobiles

1. Reference is made to your memorandum, dated 14 October 1954, in which you requested authority to continue reimbursing individuals for parking fees incurred in the use of privately owned automobiles in addition to the mileage reimbursement.
2. Public Law 92, 81st Congress, enacted 9 June 1949, referred to as the Travel Expense Act of 1949, which provides for reimbursement for use of privately owned conveyances on a mileage basis, restricts any reimbursements, in addition to the mileage allowance, to cover only the actual cost of ferry fares, and bridge, road, and tunnel tolls. Paragraph 12a (1) of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations conforms with this provision. Also, the Comptroller General has rendered a decision dated 24 September 1954, to which you referred in your memorandum, providing that parking fees would not be allowed in addition to mileage allowances.
3. Agency policy as set forth in regulations provides that Government laws, regulations and established procedures will be followed insofar as security and the requirements of operations will permit.
4. In view of the foregoing, when officers and employees of this Agency use their privately owned automobiles on official business and are reimbursed on a mileage basis they are not entitled to receive reimbursement for parking fees.
5. In instances where the reimbursement on a mileage basis would not cover the parking fees, as in the example cited in your letter, it would seem that the reimbursements for the use of personal cars should be made to officers and employees on an actual expense basis, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 12 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, as amended 1 August 1952. However, in view of the Comptroller General's decision of 24 September 1954, which denied reimbursement for parking fees on an actual expense basis in the particular case involved, we are referring this matter to the Office of General Counsel for review and opinion and will advise you as soon as we receive a reply.

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